

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : **10/560,744** Confirmation No. 1685
Applicant : KOKUBO *et al.*
Filing or § 371 date : 15 DEC 2005
TC/A.U. : 1616
Docket No. : TAN-357
Customer No. : 62,479

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22314-1450

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action of April, 2008. Please note the following:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper

Remarks begin on page 9.